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Dear Mr. Walker:—

I greatly appreciate your letter of 29th upon the subject of the Chinook. It has been my work to prepare our Dictionary, and if there were no other reward I should have been fully repaid in the pleasure I have found in my search into old Indian languages and customs. During the past year I have spoken at several churches here upon "Indian Life on the Columbia," and have been so full of interest in my subject that I have interested my hearers. I believe you are right and the Dictionary in error about Klakwaga. I shall try to make that change and some other minor ones in next edition. The Nasaros seem to be regarded by the U. S. ethnologists as upper river Chinook. The words of their own dialect which seem to be Chinook are no doubt words kept in use from the original Chinook stock. It is astonishing how quickly the languages of these Indians was corrupted by their association with other tribes. I am much pleased with your kind commendation and approval and glad to hear from you.

Yours truly,
J. K. Gill



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